

NAZIMUDDIN, Khwaja

PAKISTAN

Personal date: Born July 19, 1894; son of the late Khwaja Nazimuddin; married Shah Banoe, daughter of K.M. Ashruf, a zamindar.

Education: Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh; Dunstable Grammar School, England and Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Languages: English, Urdu, Bengali and probably various Indo-Pakistani dialects.

Honors and decorations: Companion of the Order of the Indian Empire, 1926; Knight Commander of the Indian Empire, 1934; renounced in 1946.

Career:

1922-1929	Chairman, Dacca Municipality.
1923-1929	Member, Executive Council, Dacca University.
1929-1934	Minister of Education (successfully piloted Compulsory Primary Education Bill in Bengal Council, 1930).
1934	Member, Government of Bengal Executive Council.
1936	Performed the Haji (Pilgrimage to Mecca.)
1938	Home Minister, Government of Bengal.
1941	Resigned from the Cabinet.
1943-1945	Chief Minister, Government of Bengal; Leader, Muslim League Parliamentary Party, Bengal, and leader of the opposition in Bengal Legislative Assembly.
1947	Elected, Constituent Assembly of Pakistan; Prime Minister, and Home Minister, Government of East Bengal; Elected, East Bengal Muslim League leader.
1948	Appointed Acting Governor-General;
1948-1951	Appointed Governor-General, November 12.
1951	Appointed interim Prime Minister to succeed the late Liaquat Ali Khan.

Remarks:

Khwaja Nazimuddin, the former Governor-General, now holding the post of Prime Minister, is reported to be a capable, though not brilliant administrator. 1/ In the past he has shown that he lacked the intellectual capacity to grasp the essentials and the will to execute policies which were required at the moment. He is also reported to lack the power to decide issues when confronted with them and he has disclosed no aptitude to lead his colleagues. Little in the way of farsighted leadership may therefore be expected from him. 2/

As Governor-General Nazimuddin's function was purely ceremonial. 3/ Liaquat Ali Khan completely dominated the political scene. Nazimuddin is accepted by all however, as a good and honest man, 2/ and he is liked

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